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**Department for Medicaid Services
Vision, Hearing, and Dental Service for Adults
Lisa Lee, Commissioner**

Kentucky Medicaid at a Glance

Approximately 1.7 million members

Over 600,000 children – more than half of
the children in Kentucky

649,000 Expansion members

Over 69,000 enrolled providers

\$15.1 billion in total SFY 2022 expenditures
(Administrative and Benefits combined)

2023 Federal Poverty Level (pre-tax)

# of Persons in Household	2023 Federal Poverty Level for the 48 Contiguous States (Annual Income)			
	100%	138%	150%	200%
1	\$14,580	\$20,120	\$21,870	\$29,160
2	\$19,720	\$27,214	\$29,580	\$39,440
3	\$24,860	\$34,307	\$37,290	\$49,720
4	\$30,000	\$41,400	\$45,000	\$60,000
5	\$35,140	\$48,493	\$52,710	\$70,280
6	\$40,280	\$55,586	\$60,420	\$80,560
7	\$45,420	\$62,680	\$68,130	\$90,840
8	\$50,560	\$69,773	\$75,840	\$101,120

Add \$5,140 for each person in household over 8 persons

Average Kentucky Expenses

Family of 4		
Medicaid Income Limit	\$41,400.00	
Taxes	\$ 12,420.00	
Housing	\$ 11,664.00	Cost of Living in Kentucky (2023) SoFi
Utilities	\$ 4,812.00	
Food and Groceries (non restaurant)	\$ 14,324.16	
Total Expenses	\$43,220.16	

Additional expenses not considered in above calculation: Clothing, transportation, auto insurance, telephone, misc. expenses related to school-aged children

Vision, Hearing, and Dental Adult Benefits

- New services added to promote workforce participation and improve overall health
- As of Jan. 1, 2023, Medicaid coverage includes;
 - One pair of glasses or contact lenses per year
 - Hearing aids
 - Two dental cleanings per year instead of one, root canals, crowns, and dentures
- Reimbursement for new adult dental benefits will mirror child-specific fee schedule for dental

Kentucky Medicaid Vision Services

- Medicaid coverage of glasses or contact lenses for individuals over age 21 as of Jan. 1, 2023
- Improve visual health
 - Ability to read medical instructions
 - Lower risk of infection – less likely to touch eyes with hands
 - Safety
- Frames limited to \$50 per year per member
- Lenses limited to 2 per year per member with price ranging from \$28 to \$56 each

Kentucky Medicaid Hearing Services

- Medicaid coverage of hearing aids for individuals over age 21 effective January 1, 2023
- Untreated hearing loss is linked to:
 - Higher rates of dementia
 - Social isolation
 - Depression and anxiety
 - Falls that result in injury among older adults
- Research shows that treating hearing loss leads to improvement in overall health and quality of life
- Individuals with hearing loss and who do not have hearing aids are more likely to say they are in poor health and were less likely to leave home or exercise regularly
- Within three years of getting hearing aids, risk of developing dementia decreased by 18%

Learn more about health benefits of hearing services!



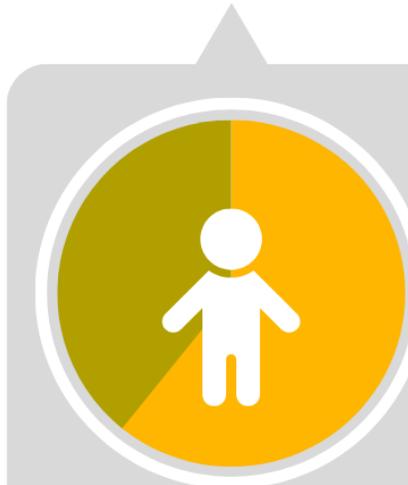
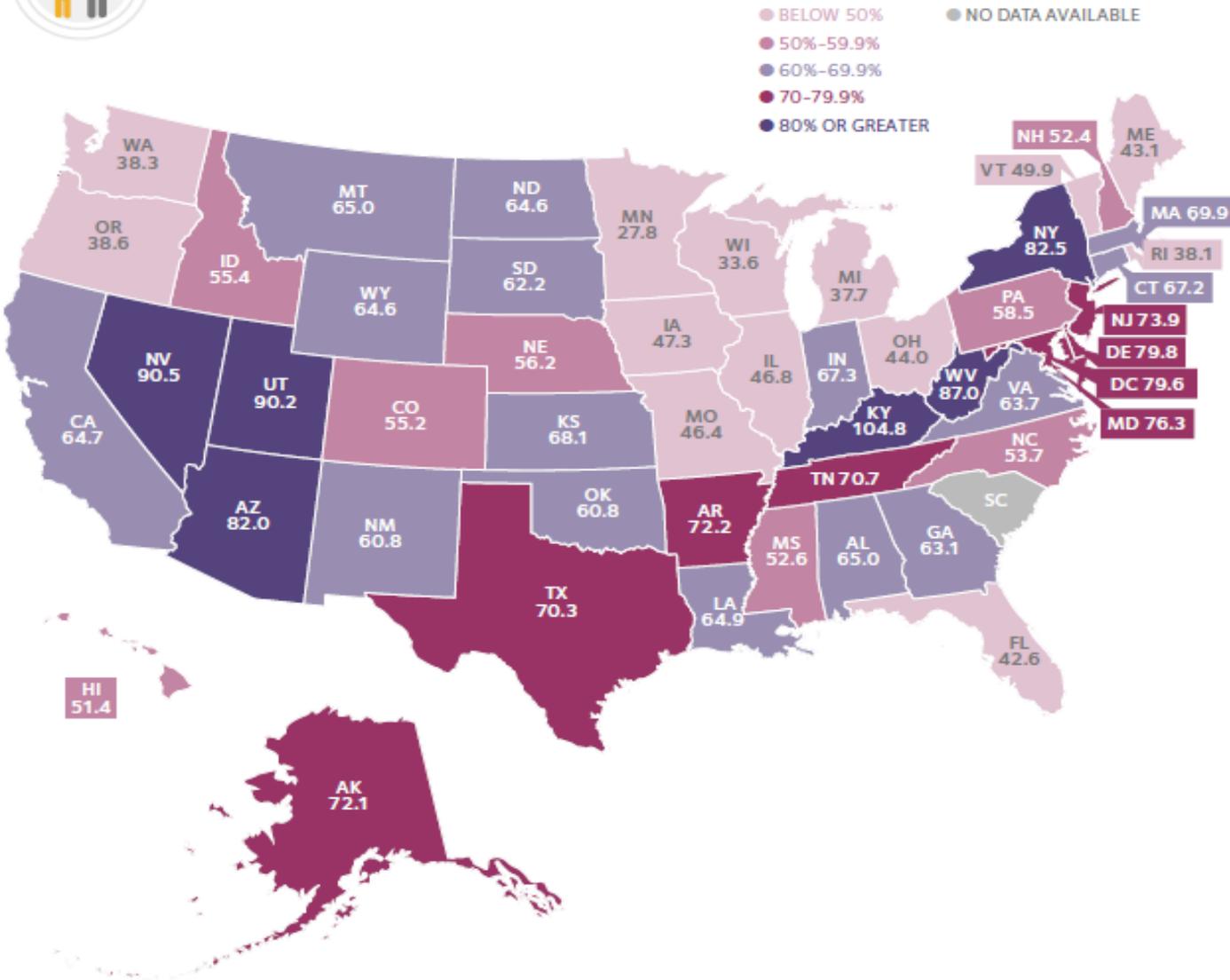
Kentucky Medicaid Dental Services

- Medicaid coverage of additional dental services for individuals over age 21 effective January 1, 2023
- Medicaid agencies primarily finance invasive surgical treatment as opposed to preventive treatment in dental programs
- Kentucky Medicaid emergency room visits for dental services for adults:
 - 2019 - \$9.2 million
 - 2020 - \$8.6 million
 - 2021 - \$9.9 million
- Evidence shows Medicaid dental benefits have a significant impact on improving oral health care

[Comparative analysis of dental procedure mix in public and private dental benefits programs - The Journal of the American Dental Association \(ada.org\)](#)



MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILD DENTAL SERVICES, 2020



IN 2020, MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

was, on average, 61.4% of private insurance reimbursement for adult dental services. This a slight decline from 61.9% in 2017. Reimbursement for children's dental services was 104.8% in Kentucky.

Study conducted by the Journal of American Dental Association published: Oct. 3, 2021

In essence, public benefits programs for adults are financing downstream by paying for invasive treatment of dental disease for adults rather than preventive treatments that may avert such disease in the first place. This is true even in states with extensive dental benefits for adults enrolled in their Medicaid programs.

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Current Use of Services

2023 Kentucky Medicaid Expanded Dental Benefits					
Humana - Kentucky Medicaid Dental					
Dates of Service incurred:	January 1 - February 16, 2023				
Service Types	Service Count	# of Srvs Require Prior Auth/ Post Review	Total Paid	# of Unique TINS	# of Unquie Patients
Diagnostic (New 2023 Codes: D0160, D0170, D0171, D0180, D0273, & D0277)	2	0	\$ 66	2	2
Preventive (New 2023 Codes: D1352 and D1353)	2	0	\$ 32	1	1
Restorative (Crowns) (New 2023 Codes: D2710, D2721, D2740, D2750-52, D2790-92, D2799, D2920, D2928, D2930-32, D2950, D2954, D2990)	571	571	\$ 73,206	58	246
Endodontics (New 2023 Codes: D3310, D3320, D3330, D3346-48, D3351-53 & D3430)	13	13	\$ 5,222	10	12
Periodontics (New 2023 Codes: D4212, D4240-41, D4249, D4263, D4266-67, D4270, D4273, D4277, D4322, D4323, D4381, D4910, D4920)	0	0	\$ -	0	0
Prosthodontics (removable) (New 2023 Codes: D5110, D5120, D5130, D5140, D5211-14, D5520, D5221-22, D5282-D5284, D5286, D5410-11, D5421-22, D5511-12, D5621-22, D5630, D5640, D5730-31, D5740-41, D5750, D5751, D5820-21)	26	26	\$ 14,039	13	16
Implant Services (New 2023 Codes: D6010, D6056-59, D6065-66, D6081, D6103-04, D6190)	0	0	\$ -	0	0
Prosthodontics, fixed (New 2023 Codes: D6211, D6240 -42, D6750-52, D6930)	0	0	\$ -	0	0
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (New 2023 Codes: D7251, D7880)	0	0	\$ -	0	0
Adjunctive (New 2023 Codes: D9944)	2	2	\$ 300	1	2
TOTAL:	616	612	\$ 92,864		

Current Use of Services

2023 Kentucky Medicaid Expanded Vision Benefits				
Humana - Kentucky Medicaid Vision				
Dates of Service incurred:	January 1 - February 16, 2023			
Service Types	Service Count	Total Paid	# of Unique TINS	# of Unique Patients
Lab Materials <i>Ages 21 and older</i> 92340, 92341, 92352, 92353, 92370	1,120	\$ 47,124	138	1,103
Provider Fabricated Materials <i>Ages 21 and older</i> Frame (1 unit) and Lens V2020, V2100-V2399 (2 units)	29,997	\$ 57,702	81	1,381
Provider Fabricated Materials <i>All Members</i> Lens additions V2410, V2430 or V2499, V2700, V2750, V2755, V2770, V2781, V2782, V2783, V2799, V2760, V2784	1,585	\$ 10,043	73	1,064
Elective Contact Lenses: <i>All Members</i> Contact Lens Fitting 92071, 92072, 92310, 92311, 92312, 92313	64	\$ 3,390	27	61
Elective Contact Lenses: <i>All Members</i> Contact Lenses V2500-V2503, V2510-V2513, V2520-V2524, V2530-V2531	10	\$ 1,100	9	10
Totals	32,776	\$ 119,360		

Current Use of Services

Molina Kentucky Medicaid Dental January 1 - February 16, 2023 Claims		
Procedure Code	Count	Claim Cost
Diagnostic (New 2023 Codes: D0160, D0170, D0171, D0180, D0273, & D0277)	10	\$ 289
Preventive (New 2023 Codes: D1352 and D1353)	3	\$ 96
Restorative (Crowns) (New 2023 Codes: D2710, D2721, D2740, D2750-52, D2790-92, D2799, D2920, D2928, D2930-32, D2950, D2954, D2990)	797	\$ 246,087
Endodontics (New 2023 Codes: D3310, D3320, D3330, D3346-48, D3351-53 & D3430)	67	\$ 18,306
Periodontics (New 2023 Codes: D4212, D4240-41, D4249, D4263, D4266-67, D4270, D4273, D4277, D4322, D4323, D4381, D4910, D4920)	13	\$ 610
Prosthodontics (removable) (New 2023 Codes: D5110, D5120, D5130, D5140, D5211-14, D5520, D5221-22, D5282-D5284, D5286, D5410-11, D5421-22, D5511-12, D5621-22, D5630, D5640, D5730-31, D5740-41, D5750, D5751, D5820-21)	72	\$ 34,142
Implant Services (New 2023 Codes: D6010, D6056-59, D6065-66, D6081, D6103-04, D6190)	0	\$ -
Prosthodontics, fixed (New 2023 Codes: D6211, D6240 -42, D6750-52, D6930)	0	\$ -
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (New 2023 Codes: D7251, D7880)	0	\$ -
Adjunctive (New 2023 Codes: D9944)	0	\$ -
TOTAL:	962	\$ 299,531

Current Use of Services - Aetna

Dates of service incurred from January 1, 2023, through February 16, 2023

- 715 unique members received 1,654 expanded dental services totaling \$237,821.23 in claim payments
- 6,810 unique members received 13,326 expanded vision services during the totaling \$270,859.55 in claim payments
- 38 authorization requests for the expanded hearing benefit, all of which have been approved.

Current Use of Services - United

- Dental – 32 claims for 60 members
- Hearing – 2 claims for 2 members
- Vision – 166 claims for 166 members

Source of Funding and Anticipated Future Costs

- Funded through current appropriations - reduced expenditures resulting from implementation of SB 50 related to single pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) through drug rebates - drug rebates are not revenues; they result in reduced expenditures
- Cost:
 - \$36,875,000
 - \$31,268,700 federal
 - \$5,606,300 state
 - Ramp-up over time – will continue to monitor utilization

Sustainability

- Fewer ER visits related to dental pain – approximately \$9 million per year
- Studies link expanded dental services to reduced costs for diabetes, congestive heart failure, asthma, COPD, coronary artery disease, and chronic kidney or renal disease
- Untreated oral health conditions lead to other diseases and even death – oral cancer, pre-term deliveries
- Poor oral health makes it hard to get a job
- Community Health Workers beginning July 1, 2023 – HB525
- Can be covered without any additional state fund appropriations

Dentures Are 'Life-Changing'

“Her worsening [oral health](#) affected all aspects of her life – her mental health, relationships, job prospects and overall well-being. Small problems like cavities became big problems that required visits to the emergency room.”

“she worked in service industry jobs such as bartending. None offered dental insurance. She couldn't afford to get regular dental checkups and [fillings for cavities](#).”

“It was miserable,” she says. “Add to that the mental health toll that it takes on you, where you're afraid to smile, where people are judging you... there is a lot of stigma that comes with having bad teeth.”

[Woman, 37, has dentures after jobs without dental insurance: 'No one should be scared to smile' \(msn.com\)](#)

QUESTIONS?